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The indexer confesses a certain prejudice toward students in Fairfax County who study Virginia history and often have difficulty locating needed information. Therefore, the indexing has been done from an information, rather than a genealogical, standpoint. General subjects have been included, but most of the entries are specific topics. Headings which are not proper names have been compared with E. G. Swem's Index to Virginia History. The requirement for inclusion in the index has been that definite information be given about the topic. Therefore, names and topics mentioned simply in passing have not been included. Entries have been made for illustrations and for the author and title of all articles. Entries are arranged alphabetically, word by word, in one alphabet. In order to make the user's task easier, most headings have been specifically modified to give an idea of what aspect of the subject has been treated on the page cited. Modifications under a heading have been arranged



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